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Seriously speaking, the Hospital has been stepping out in the matter of introducing the Kenny treatment. Both Miss Logotheton, and Miss Lowman of the Physiotherapy Department attended courses under Sister Kenny at Minneapolis this summer. Ward 10 has been taken over for the purpose, and full equipment installed. With the use of the electric washing machines for the hot packs, it looks as if the Laundry had moved upstairs.

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This fall, Rich Stephens has been interesting himself in preventive medicine. He has been keeping the Personnel of the Hospital supplied with apples from his farm in Newtown, Connecticut. We have been very grateful for his endeavor to keep the Hospital Personnel well. His son, Bob, is in the United States Navy stationed at Newport and is a member of the Fire Department at this Naval Base.

Now that you have heard about two of the Four Horsemen, namely, Hansson and Carr, let us tell you about the other two. Pop Snyder and Wag appear as dapper as ever, but shortages do seem to be affecting everything. Their boutonnieres do not appear to be as large as before. Shortages being all the fashion, Wag contends that he has shortened his waistline, but we think that his new suit was made extra large.

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